

Smith County Farm Bureau Scholarship

It is a goal and priority of the Smith County Farm Bureau (SCFB) to make available scholarships for Smith County youth that have positively contributed to the agricultural industry or who plans and/or has attributes to positively influence the agriculture industry.

Smith County Farm Bureau (SCFB) shall award annual scholarship(s) for the purpose of supplementing higher education expenses.

Submission Deadline: Smith County Farm Bureau office located at 12208 Hwy 31 W, Tyler on or before 5 pm, March 31, 2023.

Smith County Farm Bureau will announce scholarship(s) recipients on or before April 30, 2023.

A maximum amount of a \$1,500 scholarship can be awarded to each recipient.

Applicants are encouraged to reapply for annual scholarships until the applicant no longer meets and satisfies applicant requirements listed below.

Applicant Requirements

- Smith County Farm Bureau Member or family member of a Smith County Farm Bureau Member
- High School Senior or High School Graduate currently enrolled in a higher education or technical institution
- Not older than 22 years as of June 30

Applicant Preferences

Applicants are strongly preferred and suggested to have participated or attended the following activities to maximize scholarship funds awarded to the recipient. If an applicant has not participated or attended the following activities **does not** exclude he or she from being considered or awarded a scholarship:

- Youth Leadership Conference
- Submitted Farm Bureau District 5 Scholarship Application
- Participated in the Free Enterprise Speech Contest

Scholarship funds are disbursed to recipient(s) on or before September 30, 2023. Any funds not requested and/or claimed by September 30th are considered unclaimed and abandoned thus will not be disbursed. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in a higher education institution to the Smith County Farm Bureau Office on or before September 30th. Verification/proof of enrollment is a paid tuition receipt.

Guidelines & Procedures

Smith County Farm Bureau shall award on an annual basis zero (0) or as many scholarships annually that does not exceed the current years budgeted amount. The Smith County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee has discretion to award each recipient an amount not to exceed a maximum (*\$1,500*) per applicant per year per scholarship.

Suggested priority and parameters of selecting recipient(s) and scholarship amounts to award are as follows:

1. State and District Participation: Attendance & Completion of Leadership Conference
2. SCFB Participation / Volunteer: Ag Field Days; Planet Agriculture
3. Participation of Free Speech and/or other State Farm Bureau Contest
4. Submission of Farm Bureau District 5 Scholarship & TXFB Scholarships
5. Farm Bureau member prior to Jan 1 of the current year; number years of SCFB member
6. Future plans of agriculture involvement /advocacy
7. Grades
8. Family Finance Needs

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Application

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E-mail, mail or hand deliver all applications to:

Jeremy Smith – jsmith8@txfb-ins.com or Becky Hollis – bhollis@txfb-ins.com

Smith County Farm Bureau

12208 Hwy 31 W

Tyler, TX 75709

Application may be typed or hand written neatly and legibly, additional pages are welcomed for explanations sections

Applicant Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Farm Bureau Membership #: _____

Email address: _____

High School Currently Attending or Attended: _____

GPA (100 point scale): _____ Class Rank _____ of _____ College Hours Earned in H.S. : _____

Accepted to an institution of higher education? No Yes

If yes, name of institution: _____ Field of Study: _____

Currently enrolled in a higher education institution: No Yes

If yes, name of institution: _____ Field of Study: _____

Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior GPA: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____
First Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone #: _____ Farm Bureau Membership #: _____

Attended TXFB Citizenship / Leadership Seminar No Yes Date: _____

Have you participated in any Smith County Farm Bureau Activities such as School Field Days w/ the TX Farm Bureau Mobile Learning Barn or Planet Agriculture at the East Texas State Fair? No Yes

If so, please explain your experience: _____

Have you participated in the Free Enterprise Speech Contest and/or any other Texas Farm Bureau Contest

No Yes

If so, when and please explain your experience: _____

Have you applied for the Farm Bureau District 5 Scholarship and/ or other TXFB Scholarships? No Yes

If, Yes, which scholarships applied for: _____

Where you awarded a scholarship No Yes Unknown Amount: _____

List any youth organizations or activities in which you have participated and indicate any offices held or awards received:

Please indicate to the Smith County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee why you need financial assistance to attend or to continue attending a higher educational institution.

Attach an essay no longer than one (1) page, Times New Roman font 12, with 1 inch margins describing your future education plans and lifetime goals